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CALL ISSUED FOR HEAVY VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

Pitts Theater Opening Once More Delayed

Damage to a railroad freight car in the railroad yards in Chicago on which the seats for the Pitts Theater are being shipped to Manassas has caused a second delay in the opening of the Manassas playhouse now remodeled since the incendiary fire last March.

Mr. T. I. Martin, district manager of the Pitts Theaters, unhappily made that announcement on Wednesday morning with the statement that the seats certainly would be here within a day or two and as soon as installed the show house would open. The opening date will be before the next publication of the Journal but it is impossible now to state what the feature picture will be or the program for the remaining days of the first week after the opening.

Airport Site Options

It was reliably reported on Thursday that the government is taking options on acreage in the area around Centerville as a price of \$300 as a site for the auxiliary airport for Washington. The extent of the area over which these options are being taken could not be ascertained but it is known that some of the options come in as far as Bull Run on Route 28.

For a time interest in this location seemed to die down and several hearings were held in Washington which led to the belief that the airport according to one report, would be located closer to Washington and according to another report it would be established near Chantilly.

It is generally conceded that Manassas would materially benefit in growth and in business when the new airport brings thousands of new employees into the area.

There was a further report Thursday of Army activity on this side of the Potomac. It was stated that the former United States Army Remount Station at Front Royal is to be converted into headquarters for the Army General Staff.

The Army's plan for decentralization of activities likely to come with the existence of an emergency that Front Royal station would be turned into a headquarters for the General Staff which probably would abandon the Pentagon for higher level operations, perhaps the combined activities of Secretary of Defense Johnson.

It was impossible to confirm this later report.

POLIO SOLICITORS?
Three young men who have been selling magazine subscriptions in Manassas during the past week are reported to have been telling prospective customers that a stay at Warm Springs, Ga., noted health center for polio victims. All the men were orphaned.

Where To Vote Next Tuesday

The following is a list of voting precincts in Prince William County, published for the convenience of voters. Be sure you vote next Tuesday. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. EST.

\$23,700 Loss To Dairymen In Milk Strike

The Prince William County dairyman got only \$2.55 per hundred weight for his milk during the nine day strike of the Washington milkmen. He usually gets \$4.98 plus 43 cents premium. Therefore the loss to the dairyman here was \$2.36 cents on each 100 pounds of milk shipped.

Obviously it is impossible to determine the actual loss in revenue to all the dairy farmers of the county but sitting in Prince William Pharmacy the other afternoon with one of the most widely known dairymen of the county we figured it out something like the following:

There are in round figures about 101 dairy farmers in this area who ship an average of 100 gallons of milk daily to the creameries. With a loss of 23 and three quarters cents per gallon each dairy farmer's loss during the nine day strike was approximately \$237, with the loss for the total of 100 shippers estimated at \$23,700.

We Hear That...

Paul Van Doren, grandson of the president of the Prince William Electric Cooperative is seriously ill. Mrs. Emily Speaks of Manassas is confined to her home with a severe cold.

W. T. Merchant of Manassas, has been quite seriously ill. Otis Thomasson of Buckhall has suffered a heart attack and his condition has been right critical.

William Hutchison of Catharpin is a patient in the Prince William Electric Cooperative Hospital. Elizabeth Pooley has just returned home to Centerville from Garfield Hospital where she had been for several days.

Mrs. Charles Miller and daughter, Donna Lee, have been on the sick list since their recent return from a visit in Texas City, Texas. Mr. Billy Reid of Triangle entered Mt. Alto Hospital Saturday, and had an eye operation Monday.

Mr. James Randall of Triangle underwent surgery Tuesday at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. Mr. I. W. Liskey who has been quite ill is now out and around Nokesville again. Ray Ridgley, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ridgley of Nokesville, has been ill.

We Have a 38th. Parallel at Home; Our Duty Is To Protect it With Ballots

The office dictionary defines apathy as "lack of feeling, want of passion or emotion; indifference."

Apathy toward public issues is a sign of disintegration. Apathy, also, is the hand-maiden of corruption. People are often heard to justify their apathy about public matters with the self-serving statement, "I was too busy." That is a pernicious form of lying that is both destructive to their moral fibre and detrimental to the general public good.

Polonius said to his son, "To thine own self be true. Thou canst not then be false to any man." It seems appropriate, with a so-called "off-year" election taking place next Tuesday, that all who value American citizenship set aside personal matters for a sufficient time to perform their greatest duty and responsibility as citizens,—casting a vote.

The Communist, the fellow traveller, the pinko and the pseudo liberal, unlike the rest of us, never show apathy about their candidates. On the contrary, he embodies the antithesis of apathy in his enthusiasm to tear down the security upon which plain folk place a value.

It is simple fact that such insecurity as we feel in our national affairs is due to the apathy which we have shown in protecting those advantages and benefits of citizenship which we have always believed never could be stolen from us. Apathy toward the Communist is why we are shedding blood in Korea and why our Army is retreating there.

Not many weeks ago ten men were tried and, by due process of law, convicted and sentenced in a New York Federal Court for failing to register as agents of a foreign power, and for conspiring to overthrow the Government of the United States by force and violence. For years, individually and collectively, they had worked underground,—in the manner of rats beneath a corn crib,—seeking to destroy our way of life in order that Moscow might profit from the resulting terror of their intended acts. True Americans have rejoiced over their conviction and punishment. Most of us showered praise upon the FBI for gathering the evidence against them; upon the United States District Attorney who prosecuted them, and upon Judge Harold Medina, who with dignity and fortitude, in the face of taunts and insults, from the ten, gave them a fair trial.

These things we have not forgotten. But what have we forgotten? Is it not that the FBI, the United States District Attorney and Judge Medina, could not have done the things they are praised for had there been no Smith Law?

The Smith Law is a Federal statute. It required vision and an early awareness of the dangers we have all now come to recognize, to conceive and draft it at a time when there was apathy toward Communism.

Only a thoughtful student of the dangers which confront America could have had the foresight to arm the Department of Justice with a law under which men of the stripe of the convicted ten could be prosecuted. As Americans we must preserve that law but we must uphold the man who recognized its need and wrote it. On these points we must show no apathy.

Smith is a most common name in America. So when we speak of the Smith Law it is well to identify the Smith who authored it. It was not Smith of New York, or Smith of Arkansas, or Smith of California. It was Judge Howard W. Smith, of Virginia,—specifically of Virginia's Eighth Congressional District, of which Prince William County is a part.

To him each American owes a debt that the ten agents of Moscow are not at liberty gnawing at the security of his home, his farm, his business and his government.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Democratic Primary
August 1, 1950

For U. S. House of Representatives
(Vote For One)

X Howard W. Smith

HERMAN K. KOPP, JR.
ARTHUR F. SOUTHER

Judge Howard W. Smith is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress at the primary election to be held next Tuesday, August 1. Mainly because he authored the Smith Law he is being opposed by all forces which the Communists, their fellow travellers, pinkos and pseudo liberals can muster. There is indisputable evidence that they have infiltrated into the more populous areas of the Eighth Congressional District,—Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax,—and are hoping to steal the forthcoming election. They realize they do not have the outright majority but with your feeling of apathy,—your feeling that because Judge Smith has always won he will win this time without your vote,—they expect to win the election. They are counting that you will not vote.

We are at the cross-roads. We must uphold Judge Smith, and in confident appreciation of the Smith Law, vote for him, or by failing to vote give the nomination to a man who has the support of Communists and fellow travellers. Each individual in Prince William County who is entitled to vote must decide on Tuesday next which road he will take. Which one will you choose?

Let there be no mistake about the issue. It is that the Reds and subversive elements want Judge Smith out of office. It is not that they love his opponents more but that they love Judge Smith less. We do not accuse his opponents of disloyalty to their country. We accuse a sizeable number of their supporters with being Reds, and in the manner of Reds, select weak and inexperienced men to supplant strong men.

Every loyal voter of Prince William County should go to the polls next Tuesday and request a Democratic ballot and vote for Howard W. Smith.

We are not alarmists, but we do get around and we do observe. As, openly the Reds have made war in Korea, covertly they are making war upon us at home.

The ballot box is our 38th parallel. We must stop the subverts there with ballots or we may have to regain it later with bullets and blood and treasure.

Reports from Nearby Correspondents

Nokesville

By Mrs. Fred Shepherd
The Faithful Climbers Sunday School Class met at the Wade Wheelzels on Tuesday evening with the Fred Shepherd as co-hosts. A lovely duet by the Eugene Nolleys featured the devotional period. During the business meeting, presided over by the men of the class, land Flory, the men of the Greene County made plans to go to Greene County to work on the parsonage where the Kettering family lives. Work each week will be divided among the various churches of the district and on these days men will go. Nokesville churches are sending men on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The class voted to make definite plans to "back" the young people of the church.

The Junior and Senior Women Home Demonstration clubs will hold their annual picnic at the hold their home on Monday night of next week. This year the ladies of next week. This year the ladies

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Dumfries

By Dorothy Acord
Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and children visited relatives in Lovettsville last week-end. Miss Mary Cooper of Lovettsville returned for a short visit with the Bakers.

Mr. Herbert A. Smith had as his guest on Friday evening Mrs. M. E. Bresnahan, Mrs. D. C. Thorn, and Mrs. Francis DePorge from Hillside, Md.

Mrs. Vernon Acord and 2 children were dinner guests of Mrs. M. E. Bresnahan on Sunday. Mrs. Bresnahan returned home with Mrs. Acord for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford had as their overnight guests on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hughes and children from Marion, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McInerney and Mrs. Kate Keys spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Keys at their summer home in Molduro.

Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer
The members of St. Pauls Episcopal Sunday School Class and their friends held their annual picnic at the Middleburg Recreation Center on Sunday. A large crowd attended the outing. There was swimming and games, after which the traditional picnic dinner was consumed with zest.

Francis Beck of Berwick, Pa. is spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Utterback of Haymarket, and Mrs. Louis Thomas of Wellington.

Mrs. Virginia Good and daughter Mary Ellen of Fairfax visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas.

Mrs. E. J. Harrell of Manassas spent the week at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Mellon.

Mr. D. B. Garrett of Washington visited recently at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Garrett.

Triangle

By Mrs. J. Alfred Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Buffalo and daughter, Mrs. Ashton Abel, and Mrs. Louise Collins and son stopped in Alexandria on Thursday.

Mrs. Gloria Adams and children visited Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Heflin on Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Riley and daughter, Lee, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson and family Saturday night. The occasion was the Riley's wedding anniversary.

There were quite a number from the community that attended the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Dumfries Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James E. Anderson stopped in Fredericksburg on Wednesday. Master Buddy Anderson, son of Mrs. Anderson, celebrated his second birthday Friday, July 21. Those helping him

Eastman Keys Jury Fails To Reach Verdict

The jury trying Eastman Keys for murder of his 44 year old sister-in-law, Mrs. Emily Charles on March 6, 1948 at his home in Dumfries failed to reach a verdict last Tuesday and was discharged by Judge Arthur Sinclair in the Circuit Court in Manassas. The jury had deliberated four hours and is reported to have voted 9 to 3 for conviction.

Commonwealth Attorney Stanley Owens immediately announced he would bring Keys to Trial at the October term of the court.

The inability of the jury to reach a verdict was on the point of Keys' sanity. The defense had contended that he was temporarily insane when he shot Mrs. Charles while the prosecution endeavored to establish that the shooting was the result of jealousy over the attentions of a Marine Sergeant at Quantico to Mrs. Charles who was living in the Keys home as his housekeeper since the death of Keys wife two years before.

Psychiatrists appearing as expert witnesses for both sides held that he was mentally irresponsible at the time and conversely that he was sane.

Keys was defended by H. Thornton Davies, of Manassas, and Frank Moncreur of Stafford, while the prosecution was conducted by Stanley A. Owens, Commonwealth Attorney for Prince William County, assisted by Charles Stone, Commonwealth attorney for Fauquier County.

The jury was selected entirely from the northern end of Prince William County at the direction of the court because of the wide acquaintance of the defendant in the Dumfries, Triangle and Occoquan areas. As finally selected the jury consisted of G. Keith Lyons, Manassas florist, Elmer H. Payne, Manassas farmer, Emory Mayhugh, Manassas workman, William Farquhar, Bristol school teacher, J. Nelson Thomas, Manassas welder, Hunton Tiffany, Manassas insurance broker, Z. T. Plinn, Haymarket farmer, Kite Roseberry, of Manassas, Robert B. Davis, Manassas merchant, S. B. O'Meara, Manassas farmer, R. L. Ellis, Greenwiche farmer, and M. B. Leach, Nokesville farmer.

State Trooper J. E. Wilson was the first witness and identified the weapon and exploded shells taken from the shotgun as well as shot that had been found in the room and extracted from the body of Mrs. Charles.

Expert testimony that the gun used to kill Mrs. Charles and the gun introduced in court as evidence were one and the same was given by Marion S. Williams, a special agent for the FBI.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Dumfries, daughter of Keys, told how she lived about 75 feet from her father's house and since her mother's death had watched over her father's physical and mental condition. She said he complained continually about pains in his head and was depressed. On the day of the murder she had seen him and had previously talked with him and she was going to Richmond to visit with a daughter.

It was Mrs. Smith's intention, she said, to prepare meals for her father and her grand-father, who was 91 and feeble, and who lived with Keys and Mrs. Charles in the Keys house. It was late in the afternoon of March 6, 1948 when she went over to the Keys house to prepare their evening meal she discovered both Mrs. Charles and her father lying on the floor, wounded, in Mrs. Charles' bedroom. She testified that she immediately called Dr. A. H. Perazzo, of Quantico, who arrived quickly, she said, but upon examination found that Mrs. Charles was dead. Her father had been wounded and was lying across the gun that had been used in the shooting. She testified that Dr. Perazzo sent him to a hospital in Quantico.

In speaking of her father's depression, Mrs. Smith testified that he had once attempted suicide by hanging in the garage of his home.

Another daughter, Mrs. Catherine Keys Rains, of Washington, gave further testimony about her father's depression. She said that she visited the home in Dumfries after her mother's death in 1946, at least once a week and frequently more often and she noticed a progressive disturbance of his condition.

The defense introduced as a witness Dr. John R. Saunders, a psychiatrist, who

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Tiffany has been placed in the Aircraft Warning for Manassas and approximately 75 persons have agreed to the Town Hall tower to spot planes in flight over Manassas. An emergency call has been held in the Town Hall to make preliminary plans for the tower. The warning service will be on duty at a time with two crews every four hours. The report has not been announced and will not be until the tower exists. Similar observations are being selected for parts of Prince William. All planes in transit will be reported as to type. Governor has appointed J. H. Wyse, of Manassas, as coordinator of civilian for Virginia.

It has been difficult. No correctly guessed the names of 16 individuals whose photographs were printed in the Journal. The \$5.00 prize offered to help someone win by giving the names of the photographs is still unpaid. Maybe someone will help someone win by giving the names of the photographs. Well here goes and try to win the other 12 and win that \$5.00. Starting with the top give the names of the stars. Pictures appear first in each row, singer, Martha, second row, Allen Funk, Comedian, Jack Kirk, bottom row, Master of ceremonies, Warren Bull.

There were 6600 visitors during the Battlefield Park. James the custodian, told the Board of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday. More and more Battlefield is becoming a tourist town. Wide publicity has been given to the historic spot in recent years. The New York Times Magazine Homes and Gardens, magazines published in Paris.

Stonewall Jackson Hotel has been included as a member of the Hotel Association and the Hotel Association, its new Charlie Caviness reports as a result of a recent visit to a group of hotel officials in Pulmonology permits a hotel included in travel bulletins and recommended lists of places to visit.

Reed of Round Hill won last year's feature race at Longfellow's. He was ridden by Longfellow's fourth place in the Eastern "Shanty" Bowers is in the Association about point 2500 with 885 points. When the race was held through a mud jump and about 2000 to come to a stop 200 ft. on the track. Vince Conrad of Round Hill, Pa. suffered severe loss.

An adjourned meeting of the William Supervisors on Tuesday requested the State Department to assume the maintenance of 61 miles of road in the lower end of the county east of Route 1 and North of Route 663. The stretch of road is owned by the Point Realty Corporation.

New Virginia law which requires the names of all people on relief rolls to be submitted to county boards of supervisors is being used in some areas to violate confidential nature of information in the files of welfare department, but not in Prince William. Mrs. Elizabeth Painter, superintendent of the Prince William welfare department, says that the William supervisors have been very cooperative and will recognize the need for keeping names in strictest confidence.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has not yet approved Manassas application for funds to build

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NIGHT RACES



EVERY SATURDAY 8:30 DST LONGVIEW PARK SPEEDWAY